

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 921

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Matthew John Michie on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Matthew John Michie, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Matt is a sophomore at Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet High School, where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers, maintaining an impressive 4.0 grade point average and representing the school as a member of the rock climbing team and a violinist in the orchestra; the traits of discipline and dedication that have served him in his scholastic pursuits have also earned him a black belt in karate; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of the Boy Scouts includes thirty-three merit badges, the God and Country Award, and distinguished service as Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and a member of the Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, Matt Michie's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; he and almost thirty volunteers labored 245 hours between March and September of 2007 on the construction of a wooden fort and swing set at New Hope Baptist Church, providing recreation opportunities for the church's youth, the participants of a mother's day out program and Friday home school tutorial, and for the hundreds of children that attend the church's annual Bible School in June; and

WHEREAS, Matt evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of New Hope Baptist Church, where he participates in the youth group; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Matt Michie as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Matthew John Michie on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.